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SUBJECT: COLOMBIA FOREIGN MINISTERS MESSAGE TO LATIN AMERICAN
COLLEAGUES.

DEPT PLEASE PASS TO APPROPRIATE ARA POSTS

1. THE FOREIGN MINISTER REQUESTED ME TO MEET WITH HIM THE
MORNING OF OCTOBER 16. AT THE OPENING OF THE CONVERSATION
HE HANDED ME A COPY OF A CABLEGRAM DATED OCT 10
WHICH HE HAS SENT TO THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF LATIN AMERICA
STATING THAT HE WANTED THE UNITED STATES TO KNOW
EXACTLY WHAT WAS TAKING PLACE.

HE ADDED THAT WHILE THE CABLEGRAM IS NOT CONFIDENTIAL,
BECAUSE HE DOES NOT BELIEVE THERE SHOULD BE ANYTHING
CONFIDENTIAL BETWEEN THE U.S. AND COLOMBIA REGARDING
THIS INITIATIVE HE ASKED THAT IT BE HANDLED DISCREETLY.

2. AN INFORMAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF THE TEXT OF THE
FOREIGN MINISTERS CABLE FOLLOWS:

"I WOULD LIKE TO INFORM YOUR EXCELLENCY THAT, AS A
RESULT OF AN EXCHANGE OF POINTS OF VIEW AMONG LATIN AMERICAN
FOREIGN MINISTERS WHICH TOOK PLACE LAST WEEK IN NEW YORK,
IT IS BELIEVED NECESSARY TO CONVOKE, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, A
CONFERENCE OF THE AREA'S FOREIGN MINISTERS AND I HAVE BEEN
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ENTRUSTED WITH THE COORDINATION OF THIS MEETING WHICH COULD

TAKE PLACE IN BOGOTA IN MID-NOVEMBER. I WISH THEREFORE TO
EXTEND TO YOUR EXCELLENCY MY GOVERNMENTS CORDIAL INVITATION
TO ATTEND THIS CONFERENCE WHICH WOULD BE PRELIMINARY TO A
FUTURE CONFERENCE TO WHICH THE SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE
UNITED STATES, DR. HENRY KISSINGER, WOULD ALSO BE INVITED
WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF ADOPTING DECISIONS CONDUCTIVE TO A
MORE DYNAMIC AND EFFECTIVE HEMISPHERIC POLICY IN ALL ITS
ASPECTS BUT EXPECIALLY IN THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL FIELDS.
YOUR EXCELLENCY WILL REMEMBER THAT IN 1969 A SIMILAR
PLAN WAS ADOPTED BY LATIN AMERICA WHEN THE FOREIGN MINISTERS
MET AT VINA DEL MAR TO AGREE ON A PLATFORM WHICH WAS
LATER DISCUSSED WITH THE UNITED STATES. NOTHING WOULD
PLEASE OR HONOR MY GOVERNMENT MORE THAN YOUR EXCELLENCY'S
ACCEPTANCE OF THE INVITATION TO THE CONFERENCE OF FOREIGN
MINISTERS TO TAKE PLACE FROM THE 14 TO THE 16 OF NOVEMBER
IN BOGOTA. MY GOVERNMENT WILL PROPOSE FOR THE CONSIDERATION
OF THE CONFERENCE SEVERAL MATTERS OF STUDY WHICH ARE
OF CONTINENTAL INTEREST. I WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF YOUR
EXCELLENCY WOULD COMMUNICATE YOUR VALUABLE OPINION ON
THE MATTERS THAT SHOULD BE THE SUBJECT OF INTERNATIONAL
AGREEMENTS AND WHETHER YOU BELIEVE IT NECESSARY FOR OUR EXPERTS
TO MEET IN BOGOTA A FEW DAYS PRIOR TO THE PROGRAMMED CONFERENCE
TO EXAMINE THE MANNER IN WHICH DIFFERENT MATTERS COULD BE
EXPRESSED IN AN EVENTUAL FINAL DECLARATION WHICH MY GOVERNMENT
FEELS OUGHT TO BE OF CONTINENTAL SCOPE. I SHALL KEEP
YOUR EXCELLENCY INFORMED OF THE REPLIES OF THE OTHER LATIN
AMERICAN FOREIGN MINISTERS TO WHOM I HAVE ALSO SENT THIS
MESSAGE TODAY. PLEASE ACCEPT MY SENTIMENTS OF FRIENDSHIP AND
HIGH ESTEEM. ALFREDO VASQUEZ CARRIZOSA, FOREIGN MINISTER OF
COLOMBIA".

3. AN ACCOUNT OF MY CONVERSATION WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTER
FOLLOWS BY SEPARATE TELEGRAM

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